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MANCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent In Charge Kenneth W. Kaiser of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Boston Field Office and Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka today announced that Edward Gibbs, 36, of Manchester, New Hampshire, pleaded guilty in the United States District Court, Concord, New Hampshire, to one count of bank robbery. Gibbs pleaded guilty to robbing the Bank of New Hampshire, 70 Bay Street, Manchester, New Hampshire on May 26, 2005. After robbing the bank, Gibbs fled to Tennessee, where he was apprehended.

On May 26, 2005, at approximately 11:30 a.m., a lone white male entered the Bank of New Hampshire and handed a teller a note demanding money. The note included a threat that the robber would start shooting if the teller did not cooperate. During the robbery, the robber kept his right hand in a jacket pocket, leading the teller to believe that the robber was armed. Subsequent investigation by the Manchester Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation led to the identification of Gibbs as the robber. Gibbs was not armed when he was apprehended.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for May 11, 2006. Gibbs faces a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years for the robbery.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "This robbery was solved due to the cooperative efforts of the Manchester Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am proud to say that New Hampshire citizens are fortunate to live in a state where federal, state and local law enforcement are dedicated to working together to solve serious crimes."

The case was investigated by the Manchester Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Criminal Division Chief Donald Feith.